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## WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?

Ideas are flying like October leaves, as the Town Farm or "Wendell Community Works" prepares to take the first step toward turning dream into reality. While the name is still undecided, (I'll call it "The Works", for now), the vision is becoming clear: Wendell as a totally integrated community, providing, through a non-profit organization, whatever residents need, from food grown in town, to day care, a community center, senior services, energy production, YOU name it. A survey is being developed to find out what you need.

The foundation for The Works will be something called Subscription Farming. Here's how it works: we offer to supply most of your need for fresh produce through most of 1991. In return, you pay us a certain amount in advance. This money goes for seed, equipment, and most importantly, for wages for local farm workers. One such farm, located in Great Barrington, provides two large grocery bags per week, at an average cost of $6.50 per bag. Some customers pick up at the farm, some have their produce delivered, and others pick up at their local co-op. The farm provides produce 42 weeks out of the year.

Obviously, there is some risk, but barring climactic disaster, we expect to be able to fulfill our obligation with one type of produce or another. Customers will be assured of fresh produce, grown without chemical fertilizers or poisons, while helping to provide jobs right here in town. All this at a fair price.

Other aspects of The Works may develop alongside the Subscription Farm. Orchard, dried flowers, herb gardens, and livestock are ideas which have been suggested. A community center with day care, arts and crafts gallery, restaurant, laundromat, woodworking, and mechanic shops are all possibilities. We like to think anything is possible, as long as it helps build our community and our economy. So your survey response is crucial to us. Would you consider supporting Subscription Farming? Do you have a business idea you'd like to try? Some other need that hasn't been voiced yet? Let us know, and let's grow together!

If a lot of these ideas sound familiar, it's because many of you expressed similar thoughts in the Places of the Heart survey. Planning Board member Prudy Smith sees the Town Farm as a way for the Town of Wendell to allow some of the land and buildings it owns to be utilized productively. Other residents have expressed a desire to see their land and equipment put to better use.

A steering committee has been set up to coordinate the activities of the four subcommittees: agriculture, business, arts & crafts, and community building. The committee also acts as an interface between the Town Hall, The Works, and the rest of the community of Wendell.

Decisions are reached by mutual agreement, or consensus, where no serious objection is held by anyone. All is not roses, however. At the last steering committee meeting, serious reservations were raised about the beauracracy already being established in order to conduct a survey.

If Wendell Community Works can establish a measure of success, a broader survey, destined for nearby towns, primarily in The Valley, might also be sent out. I think that's all, Thanks.

John Ingress
544-8424

## C.A.W.S. AND HELICOPTER FLYOVERS

A member of the Wendell Police Department is again apparently participating in aerial surveilance of Wendell residents Jay Blackbird was spotted entering a National Guard helicopter at Orange Airport. A short time later a Nation Guard helicopter flew at an extremely low altitude (under 500 ft.), according to eyewitnesses, over several Wendell neighborhoods. The flyover was on or around Monday September 17, and it included Mike Wing, Wickett Pond Road, Jake Groton, Montague Road, Apollo Copagnone, Wendell Center, and Phil Stowell, Rosalie and Bob Rosser, Scott Garland, and Charles Bado, all on Locks Hill Road. In all likeihood, others were surveilled also.

When asked afterward by Selectman Ted Lewis, Mr. Blackbird acknowledged that he was in fact flying in the National Guard helicopter.

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## MORE THAN A RECYCLING PAYCHECK

A heavy metal recycling facility is proposed for Franklin County in Orange, Mass. by Recontek, a San Diego based Co. The site is about a mile from Mahar Regional High School which serves Orange, New Salem, Wendell, Petersham and is near one of Orange's water supply wells. Naturally, local sentiment is divided along issues of money and jobs, health, safety, the environment, site and need.

Our community certainly needs jobs. Recontek is offering many jobs during construction and operation and they are likely to make $$ from this facility if all goes well.

Can it be proven and then assured that we wil benefit locally from this facility as will the owners? Can the technology be proven safe? Will the potential risk to air, water, roads... be worth the pay off? Is the site appropriate or can another site be located in Orange, the host town, that poses less consternation? Do we need this plant here and now or can industry offer us some other technology not so fraught with problematic issues?

Recontek-I can't help but wonder about the name

Re=again con=with tek=sounds like technology... Again with technology! I wonder what the name means to them? What do they, as a business, mean when they think of our community, our environment and our welfare and can their vision merge compatibly with the diverse images local people have of our community?

Recontek officials proclaim they are confident and can do the job without problems. Nevertheless they are being scrutinized from many fronts. LAC--local assessment committee, is a 13 member group of Orange officials and citizens, plus two members representing Athol and abutting towns. This committee is part of the legal, state govt. site safety process. The members commit huge chunks of time to research, meetings, deliberation...and even if individuals vary in perspective and ideals, they all share one goal in common. It is to assure that the community gets a fair share from what must be a trustworthy industrial neighbor.

There are also two citizen's action group groups reviewing data offered by Recontek. They have contacted distant communities

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A Thousand Pardons to Those Omitted or MisNamed, or Misspelled, or otherwise Offended.

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## WENDELL POST POLICY STATEMENT

The following policy was adopted at the Oct. 10, 1990 Wendell Post meeting by unanimous vote after a lenghty discussion revolving around this small community paper's responsibility to maintain the public trust:

"Motion: When a written story or letter is submitted to "the Wendell Post" which casts aspersions upon an individual's character or motives, that the person so named will be notified in a timely manner and given the opportunity to respond inthe same issue of the paper. If the submission is received after deadline, it will be held until the next issue in order to allow the person named reasonable time to respond."

In related discussion, it was agreed that if the impacted party fails or chooses not to respond, that the submission will be printed, as it is not the duty of Wendell Post staff to suppress or censor controversy.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BEAR MOUNTAIN MARKET

It's finally happening. Wendell artists are coming out of the woods! You've known all along they were there and now you have the opportunity to see them and their wonderful works of art.

Come and enjoy the creative spirit of Wendell. Among the featured artists will be Wendell's own Bob Ellis with his award-winning wildlife paintings. Weavings and wearables, hand-painted silk and wood carvings, photography, gemstones and jewelry will be available for your pleasure.

Picture yourself in the midst of roving minstrels, frolicking clowns and the aroma of chili, eggrolls and home baked goodies by Wendell senior citizens. Find the perfect present for your holiday giving at the Bear Mountain Market. All items are handcrafted and priced for the $5 to $500 pock etbook.

We will be looking for you on SATURDAY, NOV. 17th on the Wendell Common. Buildings are handicap accessible. For more information call Eileen Sauvageau 544-3223 or Rosalie Rosser 544-6850.

## WENDELL VOLUNTEERS

I am the caller for Volunteers in Wendell. When there is a job in town that needs volunteer labor, my job will be to call from the list of people who signed up as potential volunteers, until we have enough people able to show up on the right day to do the job.

Anyone wanting to join the list can do so through the Selectboard.

Joshua Heinemann

## BUY A BOOK FOR LITERACY

What can one person do to combat illiteracy in our community? On November 24th buying your holiday gifts at local bookstores is one way to help local efforts. Twenty-one bookstores in the Pioneer Valley will donate 10% of their sales on November 24th to three local literacy organizations.

Floyd Borakove

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## BIRTHS

Jennifer and Paul Diemand are the proud parents of Albert Paul Diemand. Albert was born on July 5, 1990 at 10:39 am in Peterborough, N.H. He was 8 lbs 9 oz and 19" long at birth. Albert is the 25th grandchild of Albert and Elsie Diemand of Wendell.

Rowan Anthony Bado was born on July 19,1990 at 2:15 am at the Franklin Medical Center. Charles Bado and Jennifer Whitcomb of Lockes, Hill Rd. welcome Rowan into thier hearts and into their home.

## DEATHS

EDNA M LAURO

On the night of July 5, 1990 Edna M. Lauro died in her sleep at her home on East River Street in Orange. She had been in poor health for several years. She had been born in the Bronx, New York in 1909. Her first husband, John Burton, died in 1961. Survivors include a brother and two sisters all of New York and several nieces and nephews.

Edna moved to Wendell in 1976 and married Maurice Lauro shortly after. He died in 1978. She continued to live in Wendell until 1982 when she moved to Orange.

She was a member of the Millers Falls Congregational Church and an active member of Wendell Golden Age Club of which she was president. She will long be remembered for her spirit of generosity whether it was to her church, official departments of the town, youth organizations, various clubs or the just plain needy. She had definite principals of right and wrong and yet she was always understanding and rarely spoke ill of anyone. She had a deep religous faith and many times, especially during her long illness, she could be heard to say "IF the Lord wills it."

She is missed by those fortunate enough to have been her friends. Elsie G. Diemand

## FIRE LOG

6/27/90 Smoke investigation. Lockes Village Rd.
7/18/90 Brush fire investigation. Wendell side of Usher Plant.
8/10/90 Gas fumes investigation. Tenny, Wendell Depot Rd.
9/14/90 Motorcycle accident - Assist Orange Ambulance.
10/25/90 Chimney fire - Wickett Pond Rd.


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## "NONE OF THE ABOVE"

A group of citizens calling themselves the Pioneer Valley Pro-Democracy Campaign announced today the beginning of an effort to encourage voters in four Western Massachusetts towns to exercise their write-in option on Election Day be marking their ballots "None Of The Above" for every race in which there is no candidate they want to vote for. The group plans to provide voters with NOTA (None Of The Above) stickers to affix to their ballots.

The towns in which the NOTA drive is being conducted are Amherst, Northampton, Pelham, and Wendell. Other towns may be added. Volunteers are being recruited to help leaflet downtown areas, shopping centers, and local campuses on Saturday, October 27, and Saturday, November 3rd. NOTA stickers will be attached to the leaflets. The group also plans to distribute leaflets and stickers at polling places in the four towns on Nov.6th.

"We're not trying to tell voters whom to vote for," said Amherst resident Dennis Kelly, one of the group's founders, "What we're saying is, if you don't like any of the candidates, don't just leave your ballot blank, but register your disapproval of 'politics as usual' by writing in, or using a sticker that says, 'None Of The Above'.

In a September 16, 1990, editorial entitled, "Voting for NOTA," The Boston Sunday Globe argued that the NOTA option might increase voter turnout and upgrade the quality of candidates and campaigns. "The idea may be worth testing,"said The Globe, "NOTA holds some promise."

The state of Nevada has had a non-binding NOTA option on the ballot since 1976. In that year, NOTA received 47 percent of the vote in a Republican primary, topping two live contenders for the House of Representatives. In 1980, NOTA narrowly lost to Jimmy Carter in the Democratic presidential primary 34 to 38 percent.

Election registrars outside of Nevada are not required to tally and record NOTA votes, but sponsors of the NOTA drive in Western Massachusetts say they will encourage town registrars to make an unofficial tally "as an act of civic responsibility." "If lots of people in these four towns vote NOTA," said organizer Robyn Flatley of Pelham, "it will show that NOTA should be an official option automatically printed on all ballots."

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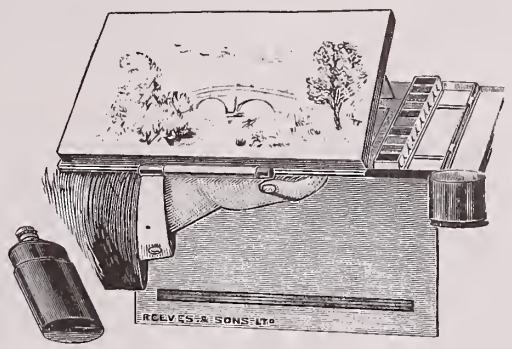

## A NEW STUDIO IN WENDELL

"The Studio" opens its doors to you. Hi, my name is Gail Krutka and I have lived in Wendell for 7 years. I first saw and fell in love with Wendell in 1974. I lived here for a year and a half after high school, then left, and now I'm back. Perhaps next, I should like to work here, too. By making a life time dream come true - I went for it! I opened an Art Studio. I found a great little barn and fixed it up and now I'd like to share the space. It's a space for those who wish to teach and for those who wish to learn. It's warm, has electricity, and facilities. It's not huge but it's comfortable and very affordable! It's in a convenient location, at the end of Wendell Rd. in New Salem where it meets Rt.202 (5 miles from Wendell center). Craft fairs and flea markets can be done. It's a prime location for this as well.

For more information on teaching here or taking classes call Gail at The Studio at 544-8890 or home 544-6362.

## UNREGISTERED VEHICLE LAW

I hereby certify that the following article is a true copy of the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held in the Town of Wendell on May 4, 1987

Approved by the Attorney General, August 13 1990.

Article 24. Voted, in the majority, to approve the following bylaws as a Town Bylaw under MGL Chapter 40: section21.

Section I:
The keeping of more than two unregistered motor vehicles, assembled or disassembled except by a person licensed under General Laws, Chapter 140, section59, on any premises shall not be permitted unless said motor vehicles are stored within an enclosed building.

Section II:
A special Permit to keep more than two unregistered motor vehicles on any premises not within an enclosed building, after a duly called Public Hearing to which all abutters to the premises have received notice, may be granted by the Board of Selectmen, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of tis Bylaw; (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and (3) will not be a nuisance.

Section III:
All such Special Permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered motor vehicles to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land, and shall be limited to a reasonable length of time. No Special Permit shall be issued allowing for the keeping of more than dn unregistered motor vehicles on any one premises. Special Permits issued under this Bylaw shall be valid for a period of tome not to exceed one year. Renewals of Special Permits granted under this Bylaw may be issued by the Board of Selectmen, following the provisions of Sections II and III.

Section IV:
This Bylaw shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and used for farming purposes.

Section V:
Violators of any provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable for a penalty of up to Twenty-five ($25.00) per day per violation, commencing ten days following the date of written notification by the Board of Selectmen of such violations. Each unregistered motor vehicle kept beyond the maximum allowed under Section I or under the provisions of the Special Permit issued under Sections II and III shall constitute a separate violation.

Section VI:
The provisions of this Bylaw shall take effect on hundred and twenty (120) days following its enactment.

Section VII:
The purpose of this Bylaw shall be to promote the welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Wendell; to conserve the value of land and buildings; and to prevent the contamination of surface-ground and drinking water supplies within the Town of Wendell.

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# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I recently moved to Wendell at the end of the summer and I'm pleased to say that I love living here. After a relatively unpleasant year in Burlington, Vermont, which turned out to be a noisy, crowded and untipically Vermont town, the woods and calm of Wendell are a welcome change.

I must regrettably add however, that the roads I walk and bicycle on in Wendell are not always a Thoreauian paradise. I can almost guarantee that short jaunt down Locke Hill Road to the post office will invariably end in a canine encounter of the most unpleasant kind. First, let me say that I like dogs - I don't even mind being barked at, after all, the animal is simply defending its turf. But when the dog's notion of property extends beyond the driveway and out onto the road, I start to have a problem. There is something unquestionably disconcerting about being pursued by a barking dog with sharp teeth.

May I make two suggestions for the benefit of those who like to walk or bike around Wendell? First, that those of you with "extra-territorial" dogs keep them inside or on a chain when you are unable to supervise them and secondly, that you train your pet to respond to your commands and call them off as soon as they take off after one of us. You'll be doing a favor for your pet as well, who may one day bound out onto the road after a pedestrian or cyclist only to be struck by a car who didn't see him/her in time. I hope you'll think about what I've said. Thank you.

Susan Kevra.
Locke Hill Road

To the Post Readers,

In mid-October I was heading to a meeting in the center of Wendell. Finding myself a few minutes late, I was moving right along. When I passed the police car parked by Carey's old place - well I even waved. Much to my surprise - the car's blue lights went on and I was stopped for speeding. I was a little surprised to say the least when asked "How fast were you going?" I did not realize that I was traveling at 53 mph. I got a verbal warning with an explanation.

Being part of the Post I've read many letters, stories, and pleas for people to slow down. It hasn't seemed to do the trick. Townspeople requested the police dept. to get a radar unit. They have one now and are using it. I spoke with the officer that stopped me at a later date and he mentioned that it will not be a forever thing that the verbal warnings last. If someone gets stopped more than once a ticket will be given.

He mentioned that it's not only the fine for the town but also the added surcharges on our insurance that each person will have to deal with. This could easily add up to more than $300 in the long run.

When faced with this kind of money loss, it did the trick for me. I've always tried to drive speed limit or less when I drive truck, in my car though I drive what's comfortable - I've learned that I have to pay attention to what the limit is and accept that or face having to pay.

These roads that I've been driving my whole life and that I think I know so well are changing, more trucks, more bicycles, more people. It's time for me and perhaps you to become aware of this.

Anne Diemand

SNOW TIRES FOR SALE: Goodyear All Weather Radials 165. I have two tires used one season, they are like new. $50 each or best offer. Marcy; 544-6184.

LOST:

One brand new hand-knit child's PINK MITTEN. Mother more upset than child. If found, please call Chris at 544-8985.

## A WELL-EARNED REST FOR LOIS CAREY

One whom the town has learned to depend on through eighteen years of dedicated service has taken a leave of absence and is considering resigning due to hours of full-time work elsewhere. Lois Carey's love for children and her kind help to us all in locating books we needed, in finding difficult information, is something we'll remember with gratitude all through the years.

And she began as our librarian when the library had no state aid and the town had few funds to help. To keep everything going as successfully as though we did have that needed funding she took on duties far beyond those of taking care of books, their circulation and the cataloguing that are the usual life of a librarian. Whether it was checking wires in the attic for mouse damage or putting on the storm windows, whether washing the drapes or shoveling snow, she did it. In case of a bad storm she waded through the snow and shoveled it open to the library.

She took care of the selection of books from the Bookmobile, of returning those we had read and that other towns would need, of getting through Inter-Library Loan extra books that were requested.

She has given of herself to us all and so graciously that all have been warmed by her kindness.

Lois, we wish you well in your new work. We miss you and we shall be always grateful for what you have given to us.

Marion Herrick
for the Library
Board of Trustees

**** AUCTION ****

The Town of Wendell will hold a public auction on Saturday, December 1st at 12:30 p.m. at the Wendell Fire Station/Highway Garage. For complete details about the auction, please see the postings in the Wendell Country Store, the Post Office, the Town Hall, and the Wendell Depot Post Office.

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## WILDERNESS MUSINGS FROM YELLOWSTONE: ANGEL RUSSEK ON THE AUBUBON EXPEDITION

Angel Russek, Wendell resident and Assistant Director, Field Program of the National Audubon Society Expedition Institute is spending the Fall travelling throughout the Mountain Plains region of the U.S.A. with a group of nineteen students and three co-staff. The program is accredited for undergraduate and graduate study through Lesley College. The group camps every night, makes their decision via concensus, and explores their relationships with the natural world through direct experience. This article was written as part of a group English project reflecting on a week's stay in Yellowstone National Park.

The 23 of us pulled into America's first National Park on a sunny afternoon in late September. We crossed the invisible line designating land and the life it supports as protected. (Meaning everything else is up for grabs for timber, mining and other creative resource extracting technologies.) Yellowstone National Park is surrounded by seven National Forests, a wildlife refuge and another National Park ... the largest contiguous piece of undeveloped land in the lower 48. When you consider that 3 million acres is a miniscule percentage of the total acreage in the U.S.A., I'm not sure that's much to brag about. Still, it's quite the classroom for our travelling college, offering a taste of wildness for anyone willing to look beyond concrete, boardwalks, and Winnebagos.

As we drove the aptly named park highways, Canyon Drive, Artist Point Drive, Lamar Valley Drive, I stared blankly out the fogged windows. What different country this is compared to home in Wendell! Bison are roaming; elk, bugling; grizzlies out there ... somewhere. Steam venting through the earth conjures images of fiery magma gurgling like hot molasses not far beneath the surface. Being a conscientious environmental educator, I wanted the students to take in the magic and wonder, not be anesthetized by T.W. Cultural Concessionaire, Inc. For many folks it was the first time eyes had set upon large ungulates at arm's length. Would their souls be stirred for a brief commercial minute as the bus bumbled down the highway? ("Look! Bison on the left ... up ahead, another on the right!!") Would ancient memories stored in our cells rumble in recognition sensing untamed land? I was having a hard time sifting through the cultural garble in my own head, finding the crack of light to push through thick, acculturated skin, the one that keeps me isolated and separate from the non-human world. Encapsulated in a big, blue bus didn't make the process of touching the land any easier. There we were, 23 people travelling down a Yellowstone highway surrounded by 3 million acres of wilderness. What did that mean, anyway?

Wilderness ... the term implies something beyond us ... a frontier. Images like Ansel Adams and David Muench prints appear before our eyes. Indigenous people had no name for wilderness. There was no distinction between "it" and them. I catch myself when I say I want a "wilderness" experience. We are a far cry from the earth as she was even 500 years ago, which is a drop in the bucket considering the earth's been around for 3 billion years. It's time to redefine words like Wilderness ... The Natural World because we can no longer rely on Sierra Club calendars to capture the essense of wild. Nor can we depend on brief visits to places like Yellowstone to rationalize an understanding of wilderness. "It" isn't outside us. We are "IT." Yellowstone can help us remember the wilderness of ourselves. It rekindles in me flames illuminating sense of place in the universe, flames that can melt the acculturated skin mentioned above.

At some point during our stay I realized the grizzly bear may go extinct in my lifetime. Park Service officials won't admit to the possibility. Bad press, ya know, gotta keep the public and Congress assured that here in Wilderness - American Style all is fine. It's not! Denying that fact is no different than watching someone saw his leg off and insist there's nothing amiss. Chances are, you would agree that chopping your leg off isn't a healthy idea. Why are we anesthetized to something like the extinction of the griz? Every time another piece of the planet is destroyed, another part of me is destroyed. I felt the bottom fall out of my belly and drop 1,000 feet at the thought of no more powerful grizzes wandering the earth. I want to deny it, move on, think about what I'm going to do when I get home in late October to prepare for winter. I'll never forget that feeling in my gut. If the day ever comes when the last griz is shot off the face of the earth, my belly will rumble and moan wherever I am.

So what exactly do I mean when I say, "Find the wilderness within?" Is it just more New Age jargon to be added to the itinerary of visiting to sacred places, doing vision quests, and collecting rocks mined in developing countries? No. It's not. It is about re-visioning what we name as wild. Getting away from wilderness as other and feeling wilderness as you. Is it any mistake that as much as we are trained to fear the desolate, untamed places on the planet, we fear those same places in ourselves. We allay those fears by creating an illusory barrier keeping us "safe and secure" from the very earth that sustains us. One woman on the program experienced the barrier dissolve as her relationship to the bison took on a surprising twist. The bison of Yellowstone face a yearly slaughter when they migrate north out of the Park boundaries. Politics and ridiculous policy spell demise for these magnificent creatures simply because they carry a virus fatal to cattle. While out on a solo hike this woman felt the bison move within and around her. I was deeply touched by her story when she shared it with me. Her story speaks to the dissolution of the false separation between human and earth.

We've left Yellowstone and are preparing to head into an eight day backpack in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Time to explore yet another aspect of the wilderness in and around us. It is time to put the calendar images away. Then, coming to places like Yellowstone will be experienced as a visit to yet another part of ourselves instead of a trip to foreign soil.

Angel Russek

## APPLES FOR STUDENTS

Once again Swift River school is participating in the Stop and Shop's "Apples for Students" program. By turning in the register tapes, our school is able to get computer components and/or software. So please, save the Blue Stop and Shop register tapes and the bottom portion of your Bradlees receipts. The receipts can be dropped off at the Wendell Country Store, the New Salem Package store or Swift River School. The program runs now through December 29, 1990/

Debbie Puchalski

## COOKBOOK FROM SWIFT RIVER

This year's major whole school fundraiser is the sale of our new cookbook, "Quabbin Cuisine." The cookbook will be a handsomely illustrated and printed compilation of favorite recipes of Swift River School parents, children, staff and other community members. Mary Gilman, Kyle (5th grade) and Emily (2nd grade)'s mom, has contributed some beautiful illustrations including the cover design. Linda James, Molly (6th grade) and Eli (4th grade)'s mom, has contributed her talented layout skills to give our cookbook its professional look. We really appreciate their contributions. We would also like to thank the many people who contributed the more than 300 recipes and who volunteered their time to help compile this cookbook

All monies from this fundraiser will go into an account that will be used to fund part of the cost of each field trip and help provide partial scholarships for such activities as instrumental music lessons and field trips. In these financially stressful times, these monies will be an invaluable part of providing a rich school program equally available to all our students. We deeply appreciate your support in this fundraising activity.

Anyone interested in ordering a cookbook can do so by calling the school at 544-6926. The cost of the cookbook is $9.00 or 3 cookbooks for $25.00. Please note that these books will be available in time for holiday gift giving - What a great idea! So order now!

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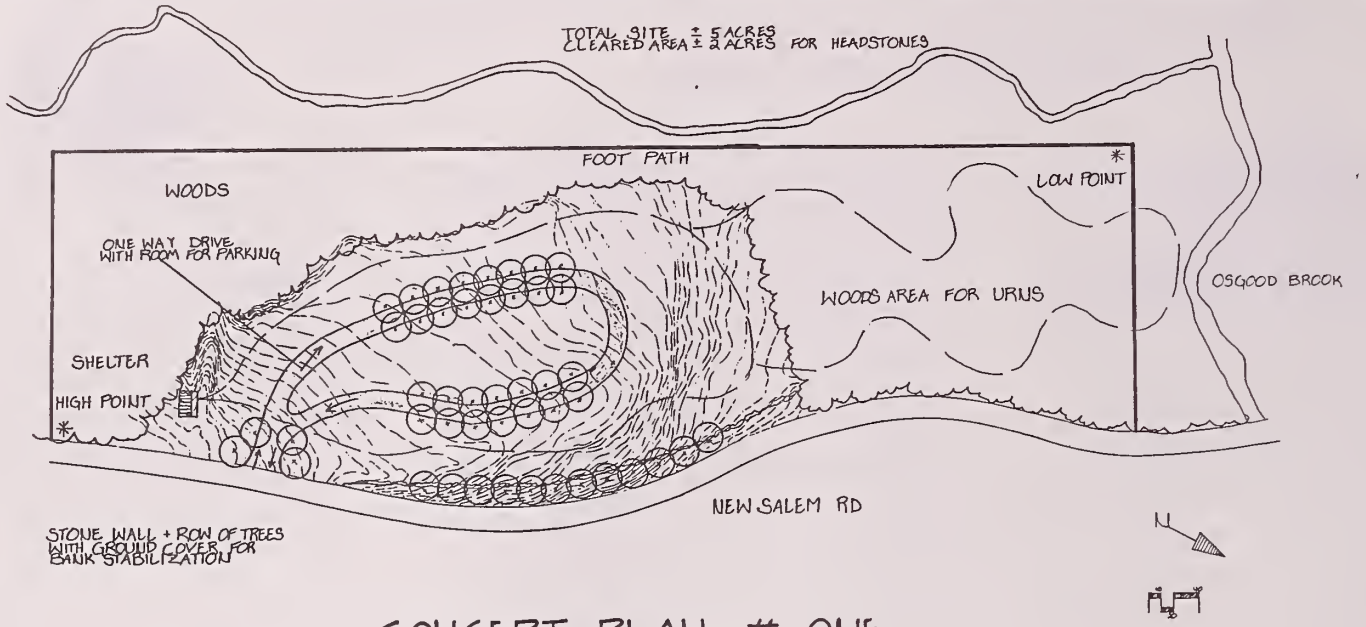
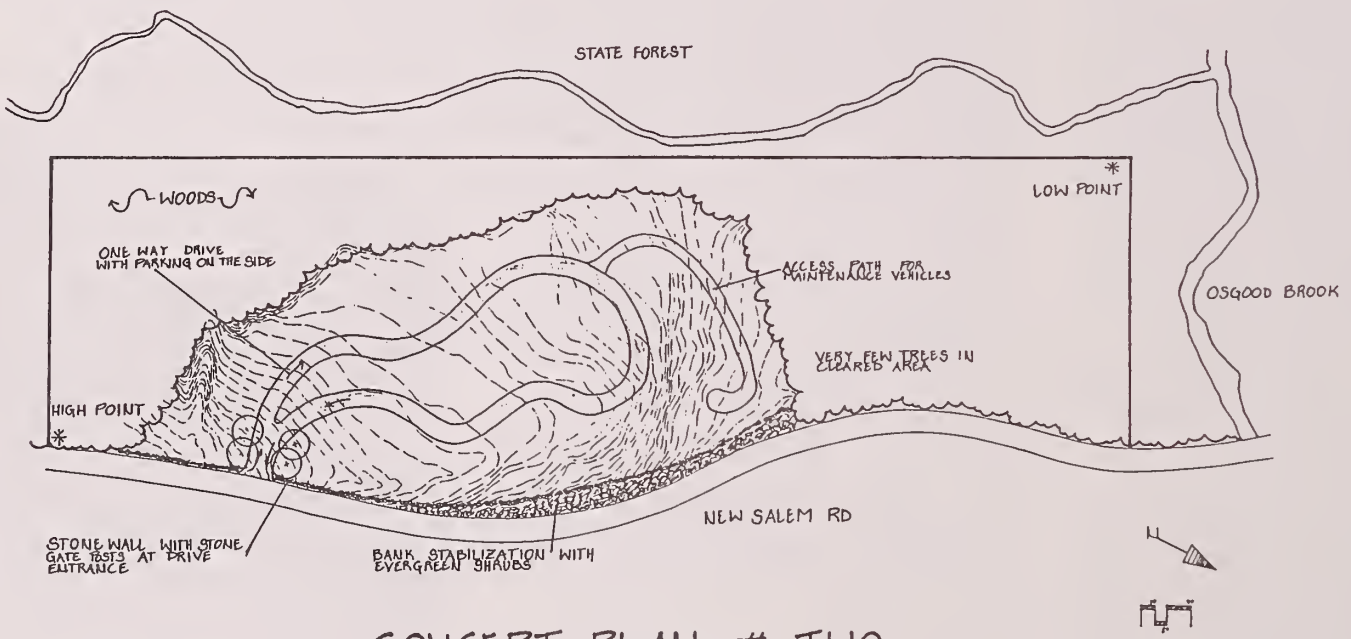



CONCEPT PLAN # ONE
NEW TOWN CEMETERY, WENDELL

# NEW TOWN CEMETERY




CONCEPT PLAN # TWO
NEW TOWN CEMETERY, WENDELL

# NEW TOWN CEMETERY

In the eighties, the Town Meeting voted to exchange a piece of Town-owned land for a state-owned parcel on New Salem Road for the establishment of a new town cemetery.

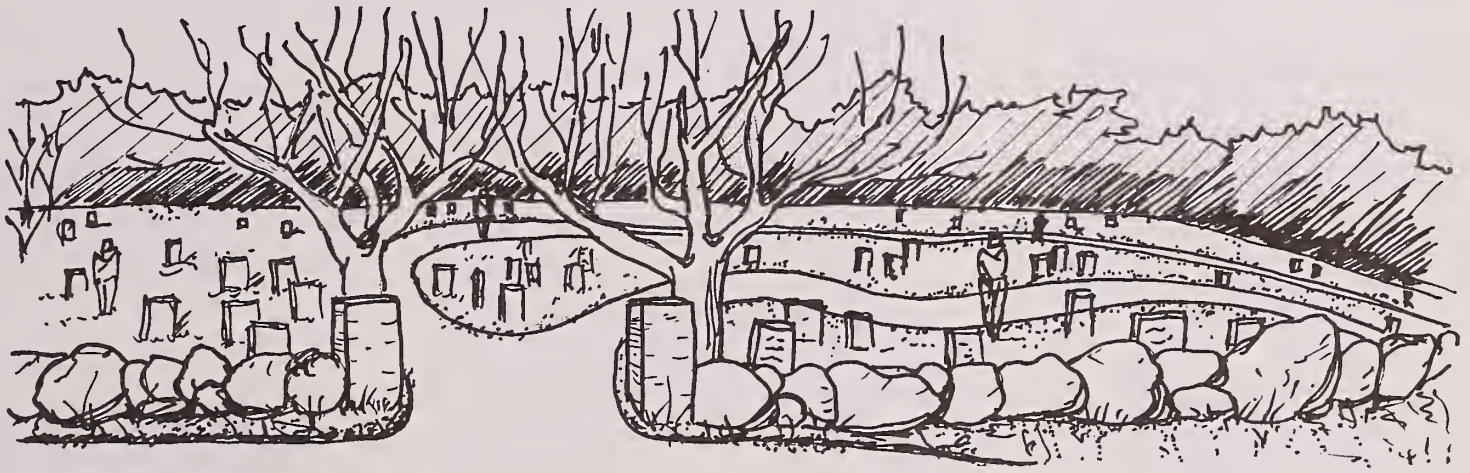
We are currently in the process of finalizing the exchange with the state and we are preparing to finish the site work required for the cemetery.

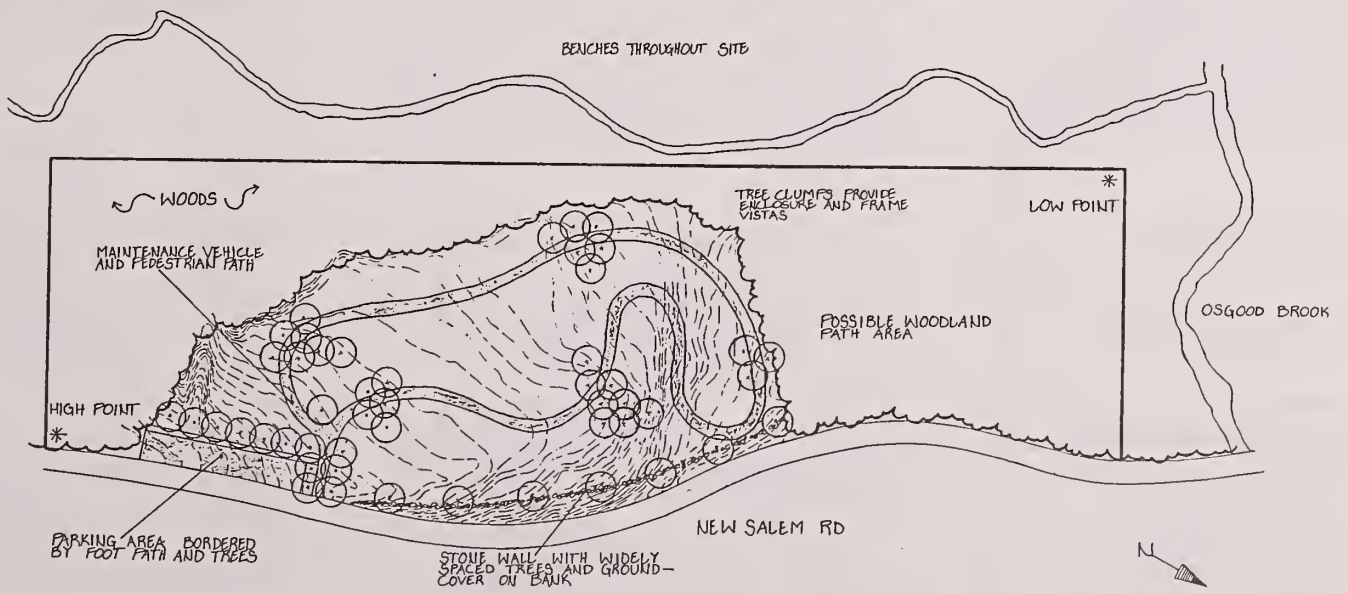
We want to incorporate your ideas into the final design. We hope that you will fill-out the enclosed survey which relates to the three designs on this two page lay-out and share your thoughts about the site design of the cemetery with us.

If a survey was not included with your Wendell Post or if you need additional copies, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Ramsay at the Wendell Town Hall, 544-3395.

Thank you for participating in the design of this new community facility.

Wendell Board of Selectmen
and
Cemetery Commission






CONCEPT PLAN # THREE
NEW TOWN CEMETERY, WENDELL

Reading of Poetry and fiction by Nina Crow Newington, on Sunday, November 18th 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Wendell Senior Center. Free

Creative writing workshop for beginners and others in need of a jump-start and hot wiring tips for bypassing blocks and self-censorship. Saturday December 1st, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Call Nina Crow Newington 544-3895 for more information and for location (somewhere in Wendell).

These programs are supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Wendell Arts Lottery Council.

Nina Crow Newington is a poet, novelist, and Wendell resident. She has had poems, stories, and essays published in numerous journals and anthologies; a play performed a long way off Broadway; given many readings in New York City and several in Northanpton. She has taught writing workshops intermittently for the last five years.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP STARTED

A new a scholarship has been established at the Valley Community School located at Greenfield Community College. The W. Bret Hester Memorial Scholarship, established by Dr. and Mrs. William Hester, formerly of Greenfield, in memory of their son Bret, is intended to provide financial assistance to promising young guitar students studying at the Valley Community Music School.

"We are delighted that Dr. and Mrs. Hester have chosen to provide this positive means of remembering Bret," states Joan Pack of Northfield, President of the Board of Directors of the VCMS. "This scholarship will bring the study of guitar within the reach of students year after year who may not otherwise have such an opportunity."

The W. Bret Hester Memorial Scholarship will be given each year to a student or students chosen by the school's Scholarship Committee. Those interested in applying should contact Mary Kay Hoffman, the school's Managing Director, at 339-5590.

## LOANS FOR THE SELF EMPLOYED.

The Millers River Self-help Network Community Development Corporation has created THE ENTERPRISE FUND, a Small Business Loan Fund and Assistance Network.

In an Enterprise Fund loan you are part of a group of four or more self-employed people from your community who have selected each other to join the program. Your common bond is that all of you want to see your businesses grow and are seen as reliable by the others.

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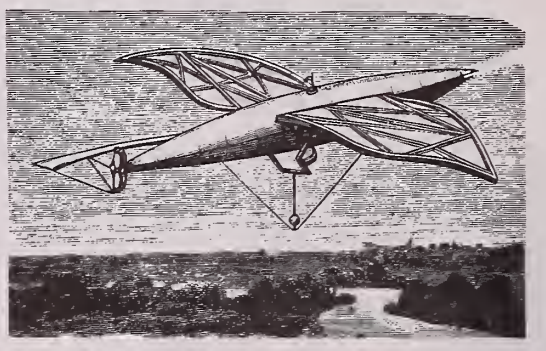
What often happens is that once the group is formed for loans members start sharing ideas, using each other's services, and helping each other out. The group becomes a kind of (mini chamber of commerce) for the smallest businesses in the community. You don't have to do it all alone. The Institute for Cooperative Community Development will also give advice individually to self- employed people under the program. (For more information call David Sackin at 249-9295.

Wendell Community Works is seeking people interested in planning and developing community oriented small businesses. Some ideas would include a laundromat, day care center, food preparation, cabinet shop or coffee house. The possibilities are unlimited.

This project is just in the discussion/planning stage and so it's a great time to get involved. If you would like more information or want to come to a meeting, please call Floyd at 544-6787 or Cheri at 544-8424.

## 'COPTER SPYING....



Mr. Stowell's report is an example of the experience for those Wendell residents who were home to see the surveillance operation:

"I heard it first next door in a big field," he said. "It came in not 500 ft. off the ground. Someone was hanging out the side door of the chopper and looking through a device. I think it was a camera, but it could have been a .50 machine gun. I was very upset. My wife was out in the yard with a halter top and a pair of shorts on. She felt invaded. I felt invaded."

In the October 28, 1986 special town meeting, Wendell residents with only one dissent made their feelings known about flyovers of this kind:

RESOLVED, that the voters of the Town of Wendell do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to direct the Chief of Police to cease participation in investigative aircraft flyovers of residential homes and property unless a valid search warrant for such a search has been obtained.

This resolution was introduced by C.A.W.S., which also worked out an agreement with the Mass, Department of Public Safety that limits aerial surveilance (often for marijuana plants, but subject to obvious abuse and harrassment) to flights approved by the district attorney. This policy of the State of Massachusetts goes on to say the aircraft must stay above 500 ft. unless a valid search warrant has been obtained.

Among Wendell officials we can certainly enforce the spirit of the local and state policy. Vigilance is needed to keep a proper balance between the citizen and the state (including its creation, the Town), and it is in Wendell that the balance is presently threatened.

Jonathan von Ranson

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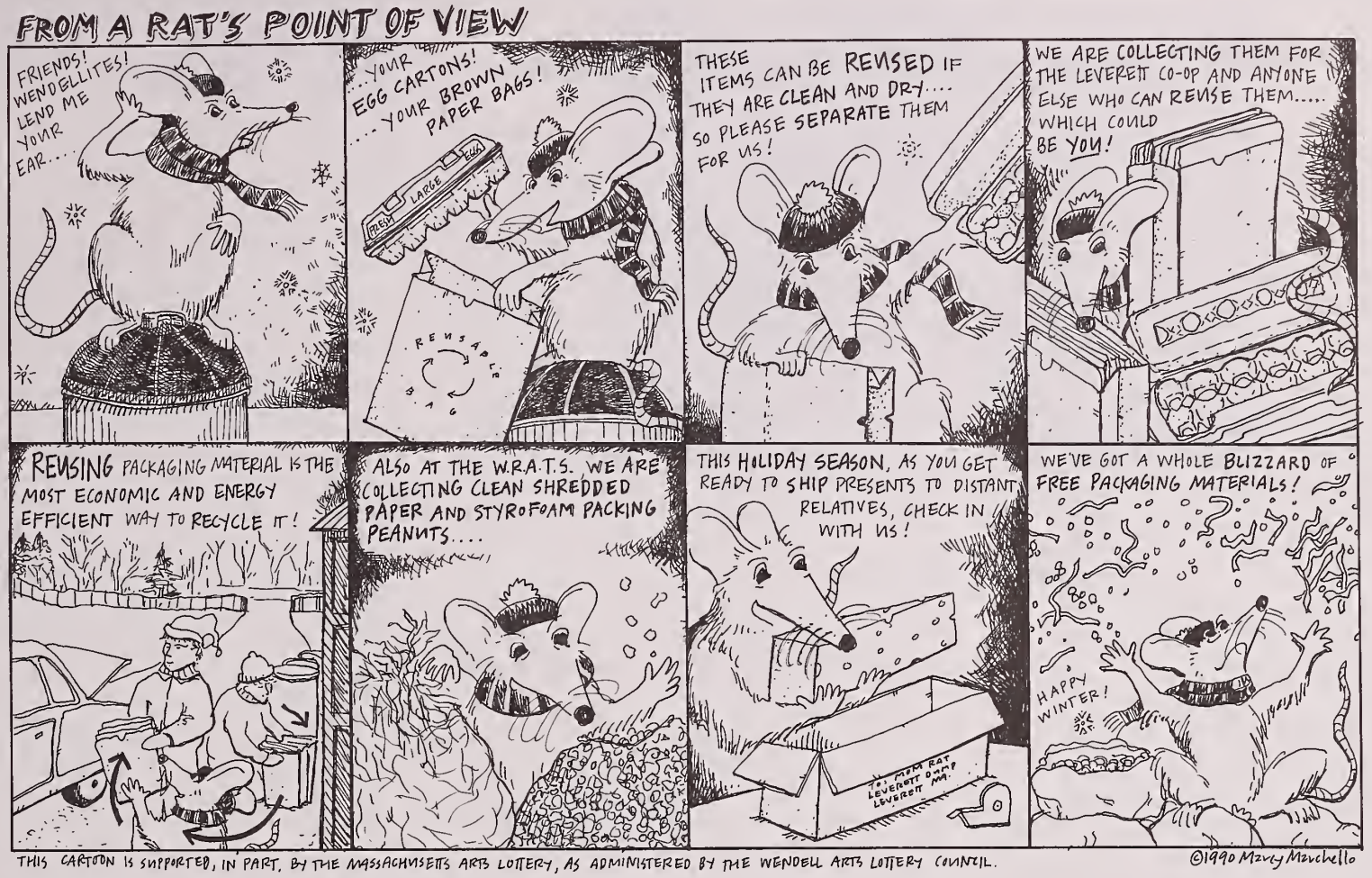


## RECYCLING PAYCHECK....

A word of wisdom: a wise industrialist will not merely woo a committee, board or political structure...it will actively and honestly woo an entire community. If there is no pretense, the time spent resolving questions now, will save time in the entire process. The onus should not be on the citizens to prove danger, but on the industrialist to prove safety, liability and commitment to our children, air, water, future.

If a citizen working on personal, unpaid time confuses the issue or reacts emotionally, let us not just hear of their inept research techniques but also about their concerns and community dedication. And then let there be commitment by the company to actively resolve the issues.

Unfortunately, one can not know about such ventures with sufficient foresight, and so luck and gambling become pre-selected components in the mix. This is especially so with a technology that has no sizeable precedents. Recontek officials are unable to answer some pertinent questions posed by potential neighbors.

Naturally, Recontek officials are working full time to convince the public as to the value, need, safety and economics of this project. There are reams of documents explaining and espousing the basis for bringing a Heavy Metal Recycling Facility to Orange. We use heavy metals daily. The waste products are not without value and must be salvaged and processed as part of a society that is learning not to throw resources away. $$ can be saved and made. But some of these metals are hazardous wastes and must be thought of as such.

I recommend a Recontek Fund to support local efforts to educate and resolve issues. Citizens are forced to spend personal time and $$ researching this technology and this corporation. A patient and respectful investigative period, financed at least in part by the company wishing to join our community, will set a cooperative stage for future interaction. We welcome Recontek in this manner.

But there is a troubling thought about facilities of this sort. Incentive to promote research which might produce non-toxic, non-wasteful means of producing the same products is destroyed since the industry offers a means of dealing with toxic waste. The unavoidable response is thus continued production and use of hazardous wastes.

Therefore, a second recommendation:a pre-determined % of Recontek profits, negotiated with the town andeinvolved citizen groups, be put into a fund which would support research and development of similar non-toxic materials and methods which would eventually replace current toxic methods. This is a conscious and conscientious form of environmental planned obsolescence.

If this suggestion can not be accomplished, then I recommend that Recontek reconsider its project. It is natural to be attracted to a facility that uses the word recycling in its title. But not all recycling techniques are proven to be environmentally sound. Even paper recycling has polluting discharge and chemical waste. But since Recontek has the huge capital to invest, I suggest investment in the opening of a recycling facility for metal, glass, paper... a technology which will leave citizens feeling sane and proud of their community and their participation in economic development. If Recontek can prove their methods, and citizens have sufficient time and support to resove issues--fine. We will welcome Recontek with open arms.

Nina Keller
Hazardous Waste Coordinator of Wendell
and Representative of the Town of Wendell
concerning the Recontek facility

which have dealt with Recontek officials before. Trouble spots have surfaced and we are waiting until these issues are resolved respectfully or at least made public in a forum so the general populace may decide for themselves.

Whether it is within the power of the proponent to delay the siting process instead of proceeding according to the minimally allotted state time frame, is debated. One of the groups is requesting a slow down period so as to afford the dissenters, none of whom are on salary, to prepare with more equity.

A patient and respectful process of review and communication is certainly in order to assure a more peaceful transition, if one is to come. Of special import is the facsimile plant just opening in Illinois. This period of delay would give us the time to analyse the situation there.

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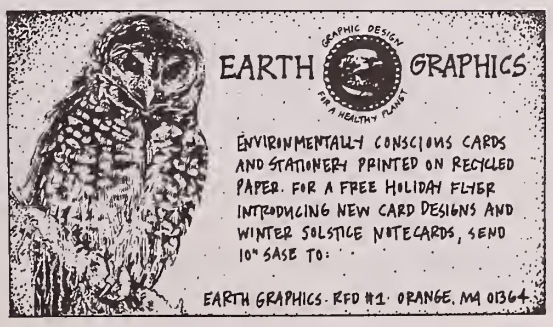

# THE LOWDOWN ON THE JUNE TRUCK ACCIDENT

George Sherman

Early in the afternoon of June 20, 1990, by near-miraculous happenstance, two truck drivers survived an accident—in which both semis were totalled and one went completely over the roadbank—at the fork of Mormon Hollow Rd and Wendell Rd (also known as Montague Rd). Anyone who goes down to Millers from Wendell to get on Rt. 2 knows this intersection. They were coming down the long steep grade from Senn's, from the direction of the Ruggles Pond State Forest Recreation Area.

When I first heard about it—in local gossip—I was told the drivers had come from Boston, up Depot Rd., but missed the turn at Maple Valley School, so they had taken the road from Wendell Center instead. Supposedly they did not realize how sharp the switchback turn was, to get to the demolition dump operated by Bennett Construction Co., in partnership with Joe Diemand of Mormon Hollow Auto Wrecking. Back in June, a nearby resident told me that the second one "lost his brakes," and so plowed into the first truck, as it was turning.

In fact, though, the accident did not involve drivers new to the area, nor did the second driver simply lose his brakes.

The men were <u>regulars</u>, having driven to the dump "a hundred times," according to Dean Bennett of Jennison Road, who runs the operation at the demolition dump. The Associated Building Wreckers of Springfield were bringing debris from the site of Snow's in Amherst/Belchertown, which had burned down and was being dismantled. The drivers were bored with the usual route (up 63 to Millers, then up the hill onto South Prospect Street above the railroad tracks, and then the long pull up to the 'Y' at Mormon Hollow Rd.) They decided instead to take the road from 63 to Lake Wyola, and come up through Leverett. The scenic route, you might say. Bennett says they had not passed through Wendell Center, but rather had taken West Road (or 'Street' as it's marked).

His first intimation that something was amiss was when two other drivers arrived and said, "Where are those guys? They left 45 minutes before us." A short time later word of the accident and diesel fuel spill reached him.

It turned out that the second driver did not like to use his "jake-brake," or engine brake, and so he used the foot on the air brakes, which witnesses said were already smoking when he went tearing past Senn's. As Wendell Police Chief Ed Chase describes it, the second driver hit the first truck at about the cab, as the first one was making a wide right turn, rupturing the gas tanks. The second truck, which went over the bank after smashing broadside into the one ahead of it "had twin hundred gallon tanks," according to Bennett, and these also ruptured. Ed Chase remarked that both drivers were able that they usually use to leave, going left at Maple Valley, and out of town down Depot Rd. They may have thought they were approaching the dump from there, thus not expecting to suddenly have to make the turn. Whatever the explanation, the second driver, who had driven for the company some 50 years according to Bennett, was almost immediately retired and the one in the first truck was fired, for failing to follow orders.

Most readers will agree that truck drivers are an exceptional lot, especially in their skill and concentration. No one can imagine driving the distances they routinely drive without mishap and fail to realize that they surpass average automobile drivers in terms of safe driving. Their livelihoods depend on their driving very directly, and they do not want to have accidents. Talking to people in Wendell, one does hear complaints about the tractor-trailers going to or from the dump that are riding in the middle of the road. Questions of legal rights will not help the car- or truck-driving resident who happens to meet one when the resident is going too fast to walk out of their rigs, and though the second driver was "pretty bloody," he had to be persuaded to go to the hospital.

As it happened, it was inspection day, and a Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) officer, Mark Haley, drove up from Millers, past the scene of the accident, just after the crash. He quickly called his office from the dump office, and received authorization to act in the capacity of head of the state's "emergency response team." In the meantime, the Montague and Millers Falls Fire Departments had arrived. The DEP man took over responsibility, having them and the dump crew spread Speedy-Dry, an absorbent powder. Over two pallets of the stuff were used according to Bennett.

The truck that had gone down the bank, according to Bennett, broke into six pieces and his clean-up crew, with Senn's backhoe and other machines—perhaps one hundred people all told—worked to collect debris. The cleanup went on until 10:30 P.M., and drew a great deal of media attention, including television, he says.

For about a month after the accident, make-shift wooden street blockades remained set up along the edge, in place of the guardrails and cables. For those who were not aware of what had happened, it seemed that a big hole in the trees had appeared. The only sign of the accident was that hole and a level spot, some distance below the road, where contaminated earth had been removed, to be sent to a hazardous waste storage facility operated by the drivers' employer, Associated Building Wreckers.

Clearly the accident would not have happened if the men had taken the prescribed route, uphill from Millers. Perhaps when they got on Wendell Road, they thought they were on Mormon Hollow/Farley Rd, the road and driving in mid-road as well. Take note and take care. According to Ed Chase, the town's new mobile radar unit is being used to help persuade people to slow down, so as to avoid accidents.

Bennett says that in decent weather, waste haulers from Boston are supposed to come in through Millers and go out of town via Depot Rd., while those from the Amherst-Sunderland areas are supposed to take Lockes Village Rd out past Lake Wyola, but since operations began in January 1990, he says, the first group has avoided Depot Rd when it is icy and trucks for Boston get sent back down to Rt. 2 via Millers. When a new cell is being opened, which he recently had planned would be happening again this fall, Felton's drivers bringing sand, clay, and other fill generally come in and go out through Millers. (Responding to some Millers Falls residents' complaints, Bennett has "voluntarily offered to only haul construction material" between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M., during the building of Cell 3. However, on Oct. 25, the <u>Recorder</u> reported the State was suspending permission to build Cell 3 until Millers' residents complaints are addressed.)

One can imagine many ways in which the June truck accident could have had far worse consequences. Such mishaps, of course, can occur anywhere. The chances here are increased by the amount of traffic to the dump—14 truckloads of waste come in on an average day (a maximum of twenty) and when a "cell" is being built, 50 to 100 more truckloads, according to Bennett. The relatively small cell (number 3) which Bennett had hoped to have built this fall will require 18,000 cubic yards of fill over a four-week period. At 15 to 25 yards per truck, that means between 720 and 1,200 truckloads, coming in on Monday through Friday, between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Residents or their guests may encounter these either on their way in or on their way out. Knowing this, people driving in Wendell, and especially on the way to Millers, ought to slow down to the posted speed limits. Montague road workers should post Wendell/Montague Rd, below Senn's, with steep grade warning signs and a sign indicating the "Y," in case of other "lost" trucks. Montague road workers should also take care to sand the Millers Falls passage early and well. It is only common sense. Otherwise, as one resident put it, "What we have is a disaster waiting to happen." We cannot count on the kind of miraculous luck of the first truck accident associated with the dump. Godspeed.

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## STAR ROUTE RIDERS: UPDATE

The first Sar Route Rider bulletin has been delivered to members in town. The bulletin lists members regular commutes, irregular commutes and less frequent rides. By looking through the bulletin members have a good chance of finding someone who may be going to the same destination whether needing or offering a ride. You can still become a member by filling out a questionnaire which is available at P.O., rideboard and library. You will be listed on the next bulletin which will come out sometime in Jan./Feb. You will then receive your own bulletin.

A rideboard is now available to all residents. It is located outside the meetinghouse next to the freebox. You will be able to advertise the offering or needing of rides in New England as well as distinations further afield. Spontaneous local rides can also be advertized on the ride board. Check it out!

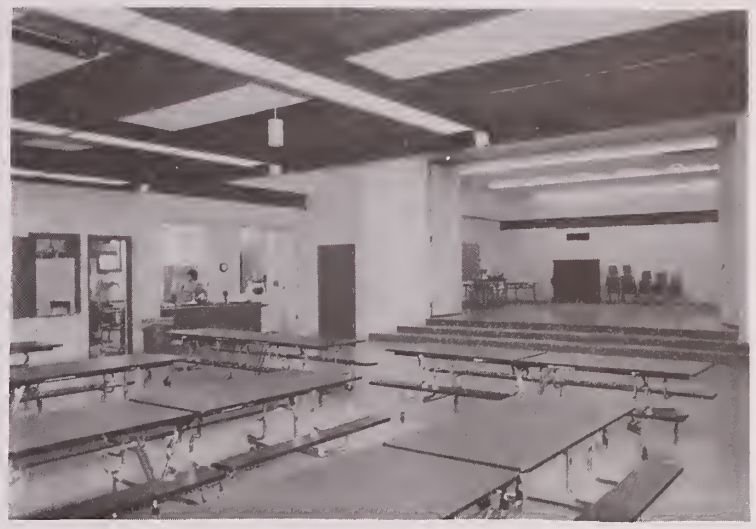
Both of these developments are intended to build on the neighborliness and ecologically mindedness that already exists in town. And sharing the financial expenses of runnig a car may be of value to many residents.

We welcome any comments or suggestions you might have; let us know how these new services work for you.

Joyce Greenberg

Lost - This clock has been gone from the Town Hall for several years. It is still missed. It disappeared after renovations to the Town Hall and may have been mislaid. Please contact the Wendell Selectboard if you have information about the missing clock

Kathy Becker



The new auditorium/cafeteria at Swift River School

## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Wendell Board of Selectmen Meeting

September 11, 1990

Members in attendance: Margo Culley, Ann Zak, Ted Lewis

Meeting Convened at 7:00p.m.

--Rural Design Assistance Group requested the use of the Town's copier to print 12 copies of the plan for the common . Concern for the wear of the machine prompted the Board to suggest they be allowed to print only the first 12 copies of 120 pages for their presentation to the Senior Citizens. It was also suggested those 12 copies be recycled.

--Mr. Kupper's Turnaround Response, Margo Culley will speak to Mr. Levinski re: the school's responsibility in this matter rather than that of the Selectboard.

--John Gates meeting date was finalized for 9-26-90 at 3:30p.m.

--Kathy Ramsey will set up meeting with Bill Allen, County Engineer, re: Rocky Hill Rd. discontinuance.

--The meeting with Anne Perkins and the Board of Health was set for Sept.18, 1990 at 7:15p.m. After which time another meeting will be planned with the County Inspector.

--Gasoline and Special Fuels Inventory Tax, It was decided to mail a copy of the original protest letter written by Ms. Ramsey.

--Town Office Moving Date will be Thurs and Fri. Sept. 13 and 14

Furniture, Kathleen R. will check with A.J. Howard re: used or new office chairs.

Phones, Kathleen R. will check on the cost of phones at Radio Shack. Telephone quoted a price of $1100. for a 2 line system. Board members are hoping to find a less costly system.

--Locke Hill Road, needs further discussion.

--Town Boundary Encroachment will be discussed at the Sat. 9-29-90 meeting with the Road Commission.

--Anne Flannagan, No. Quabbin Regional Housing Planner, gave a presentation on Massachusetts Housing Partnership which covers a 9 town area including Wendell. It serves the housing needs of the elderly, the disabled, and the poor.

The town must have creative zoning laws which decide duplex, triplex or single family cluster dwellings.

The town determines the income level it wants to serve.

The town owns the land(forms a non-profit corporation) and rents it to public utilities ,schools etc.

Ann Zak will represent the Selectboard on this matter.

Land Use Inc.'s book entitled, Making It Work (Affordable Homes in Rural Communities) P.O. Box 317,Hadley Ma. 01035 (413) 584-9951

--Group Health Insurance, Kathleen Ramsey will check on Town wages (salary, compensation or stipend).

--Personnel Evaluations, A. Zak and K. Ramsey will work on an evaluation form for town workers.

--Letter from Clara Keller, Mormom Hollow Rd., re: Cablevision. A response will be sent stating that Wendell will accept Cablevision should the company consider it.

--Road Commissioners,

Farley Bridge, It was decided there is a need for at least 2 inspections by the engineers who drew up the plans for the bridge repairs, as the work progresses.

Line item for hay in Road Commissioners budget will be deleted

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## SELECTBOARD MINUTES....

September 25, 1990
Minutes

Members Present Margo Culley, Ann Zak, Ted Lewis
Meeting Convened 7:Pm.M./Minutes accepted

Fuel Bid Opening-Received 3 bids, Agway Petroleum, Orange Oil Co. and A.R. Sandri Inc.
Agway $1.1528-Diesel,$1.3347-Unleaded Gas
Orange$1.28 Diesel,$
Sandri$1.33Diesel,$1.265-Unleaded Gas
Board will call Ray Turgeon of Spgfld Coop in April of '91. Too late for this year.

Bill Allen re: Rockwood Hill Rd.--Petitions still pending

Meeting with Ken Richard re: access to his property on Rush Road. It was decided Mr. Richards should ask his abutters to deed part of land back to town. Mr. Richards would then request the Town to allow him to buy 50 feet of this land for access to his property.

Michael Idoine attended meeting re: Kupper response to his inquiryabout re-establishment of roads. Several options were discussed and the meeting with Mr. Gates was planned for either 9-28 or 10-5 at 3:30P.M.

Town Offices-- estimated cost of phone and furniture = $1000.00.
It was decided to reduce the amount of $3500 to $1000. on Town Warrant.
Sign for Town Offices/ Senior Center. Senior's will share cost with Town.

Town Hall Fees Policy--It was decided to return rental fee to Sherry Martinez (Old Home Day).

Ann Z. and Kathy R. will work on a "Users Fee" form for ambulance etc. and a new line item in the same amount ($4000.) will be added to cover the cost of the inspections.

Road Commissioners will inform Mr. Lichtenstein by letter.

$1200. from R. C. Tool Account may be used to purchase a used road roller.

Dan Keller requested he be allowed to close Locke Hill Rd. to West St. to fix a broken culvert on Thurs. morning 9-13-90. He will open for the school buses. Request granted.

Mr. Lewis asked E. Scully to check with C.O.A. members re: a sign for the pre-school stating Wendell Town Offices and Senior Center.

--Board entered Executive Meeting at 9:15 p.m. to discuss Road Commission Personnel. Letter attached

OCT.2

members present: Margo Culley, Ann Zak

Misc. Business
Kupper Inquiry re: reestablishment of roads--will be discussed at meeting with Gates on 10/5/90.
Town Offices: Furniture--K. Ramsey will pick up. Phone System--Board will choose 3 or 4 phones from the catalogue (reduced fee to $900.00). Problem of flies in offices--seasonal problem will discuss the acquisition of screen door in the spring.
Sign for offices and Senior Center--will post a notice in the Wendell Post.
Stairs, repairs, etc.--Board will hire carpenter to fix stairs and lock on back door (emergency exit).
Accommodation of all boards--tentative meeting set for Nov.7th.
Locke Hill rd.--Pending.
Town Hall Rental Policy--$50.00 for over 50 people, less than 20 use Senior Center (pending Ted Lewis' approval).
Town Handbook incorporating policies, procedures and fees (A. Zak will take responsibility for this). She will request all boards send in their statutes for a computerized list also she hopes to do a workshop on employees evaluation.
EEOG Vote--Letter sent
Gasoline and Special Fuels Inventory Tax--Letter sent, (on next Warrant)
Appointment of Josh Henneman as Volunteer Coordinator o.k.'d.
Appointment of John Davis as Clerk of the Works for Recycling Center o.k.'d.
Wickett Pond Rd.--Horse trespass complaint--Call will be made.
Arts Council will use the Town Hall for the Lottery meeting.
Wendell Post Publishers will have permission to print Selectboard Weekly Meeting minutes.
BOH access to copy machine--The old copy machine will be moved from the Highway Dept. to the Town Hall.
Building Inspector request Zoning Enforcement Officer--Ted Lewis will call Tom Wetherby.
File--It was decided there is a need for a file for Town Meeting agenda items.
Board will do an inventory of all Town land holdings. Also an inventory of all Town property (by department).
Morse Village Rd. discontinuance--Board will recommend it be closed to the County Comm. pending discussion with Ted Lewis.
Fin. Com. re: Health Insurance--a discussion ensued regarding the policies of nearby towns of like size, such as Shutesbury, Erving, Warwick. No final decision was made. Employees will be asked to keep time sheets to keep track of hours worked.

Reimbursement of $44,000. will be paid. Reimbursement must be made during the year the money was given according to Mr. Lubinsky.

SELECTBOARD MEETING OCT.9
members present: Margo Culley, Ann Zak, Ted Lewis

Misc. Business:
Pole hearing for New Salem Rd. set for 10/23 at 7:30.
Response to Kupper inquiry re: bus turn-around--taken care of.
Kupper inquiry re: "re-establishment of roads"--Mr. Gates is writing letter of response.

Town Offices:
furniture--Ms. Ramsey ordered chairs from Staples at a cost of $300.00.
phones--Ms. Ramsey ordered phones at a cost of $550.00.
sign for offices, window quilts and mail boxes--an ad will be put in the Wendell Post requesting the aid of Town folk.

Boundry encroachment--Board will check with Jesse Wetherby. Building a Better Budget--Seminar to be held at the Northampton Hilton on Nov.10. Kathleen Ramsey will attend.

Purchase Orders--The Board decided a letter or memo should accompany any purchases made for over $50.00 (Highway Dept.).

Auction:
It was decided the Town should hold an auction to sell basement and other possessions not in use. Nov.23, 1990 at 8:00pm was the time agreed upon. The Board will request the aid of the Boy Scouts for this occasion.

K through 12 Regionalization--Margo Culley will speak with Zenia Wild re: the School Committee's comments.

Dog Hearing--Ms. Ramsey will check on Greenfield's mediation services for similar town problems.

Ballot Question #7--Board voted to support the County on this issue.

It was reported the Radar system is working well.

Mr. Lewis reported on a successful GMC meeting. His report is on file.

Mr. Lewis will meet with the Road Commission on Thurs., Oct., 11, at 6:00pm re: Formal Complaint filed against the Road Commission.

Video and book on AIDS sent to the town from an organization called Quincentennial of Voyages of Christopher Columbus has been placed in the Wendell Town Library.

Mr. Lewis will request Hal Flynn fix back door lock in Town Office building.

The Rainbow Family Planning Assoc. has rented the Wendell Town Hall for Thanksgiving (Fri., Sat., and Sun.) at a cost of $55.00 for each day. A rebate of $45.00 will be made after proper clean-up. An additional rebate may be made if a number of Wendellites take advantage of dining with the group.

Kathleen Ramsey's Report
Copy machine (old one) needs $120.00 worth of repairs. Ann Zak will speak to Joseph Coll about repairing it.
EEOG notes are in the blue file.
Ms. R. will order stationery with Town insignia.

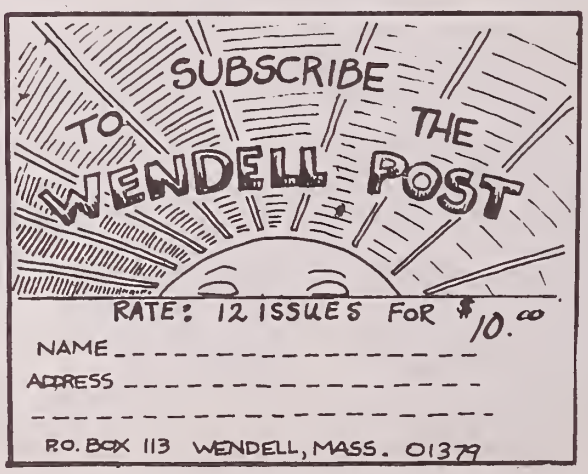
Rental costs for the Twon Hall will be on the agenda for the next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. 10/9/90

Respectfully submitted by
Elizabeth Scully

County Court House Oct. 11th, Chapter 90 meeting.

Fin Com meeting re: Health Insurance for Town employees.
According to Chapter 32B which the town accepted in 1982, all employees whether hired or elected, who work 20 hours or more per week must be covered. A meeting was planned for Thurs. 9/27 at 4:30 with Treas./Coll.,Assessor and Board Members present for further discussion of this matter.

A meeting was planned for 6:00P.M. on 10-9-90 (G.M.A.c).

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